**Format**

**Introduction**

1. Hook (generalization, anecdote, interesting fact, trend, quote, etc.)
   1. Introduce the topic, nothing more. Don’t write your thesis or supporting ideas
2. Shift to prompt
   1. Makes your essay more cohesive. An abrupt shift to the thesis is awkward
3. Thesis (most significant part of the essay)
4. Outline (Tell the reader how you’re going to structure the essay)
   1. Doesn’t have to be detailed

**Body Paragraphs**

1. Topic sentence that introduces supporting idea (says overall idea about paragraph and relates to the thesis)
2. Example (from history, politics, economics, etc. NOT PERSONAL)
   1. If not possible, think of a hypothetical situation
3. Effect on author’s conclusion if examples prove true

**Conclusion**

1. If you choose strongly agree/disagree, introduce a counterpoint that the opposing side can use against you
2. Shut down that counterpoint and show how it doesn’t hold water
3. Rephase thesis and wrap up
4. If you choose mostly agree/disagree, explain how this issue is complex and there are no easy answers
5. Rephase thesis and wrap up

**Video**: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhzlaHXHaK4&list=PLFzybs-0YWa3nHqUzWhmRpfURnf0diGDD&index=5>

**Ets pool of topics:**

<https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/prepare/analytical_writing/issue/pool>